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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS INTERVIEW WITH CAMBODIAN REFUGEE,
SOURCE E. END SUMMARY

2. SOURCE E, 38, RAN A CLOTHING STORE, WAS A FORTUNE TELLER,
AND WAS A GENERAL SECURITY SOLDIER IN PHNOM PENH UNTIL APRIL 75.
HE WAS FORCED TO GO ON APRIL 17 TO KOMPONG SPEU, WHERE HE STAYED
FOR SIX MONTHS, THEN TAKEO PROVINCE, FOR THREE MONTHS
AND FINALLY TO BATTAMBANG. HE WAS TURNED INTO A FARMER IN
BATTAMBANG. HE ARRIVED IN THAILAND NOV 30, 1977. HIS ACCOUNT FOLLOWS:

3. QTE CONDITONS OF LIFE IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. FOR THE
LAST YEAR AND A HALF I WAS IN CAMBODIA, WE HAD ONE TIN OF
PORRIDGE (250 GRAMS) FOR TEN TO FIFTEEN PERSONS. SOME TIMES
A WILD POTATO WOULD BE THROWN IN THE VAT OF PORRIDGE.
MY FIRST THOUGHT IN COMING TO THAILAND WAS TO RELIEVE MY HUNGER.

4. QTE EXECUTIONS. THE KHMER ROUGHE KILLED ALL THE SOLDIERS
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AND FORMER GOVT OFFICIALS THEY COULD IDENTIFY. MANY STUDENTS
AND OFFICIALS ALSO DIED FROM STARVATION. FORMER MILITARY
WERE FREQUENTLY KILLED WITH AK-47S. MY BROTHER WAS KILLED. HE
WAS A SOLDIER BUT HE TOLD THE KHMER ROUGHE HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN.
I THINK THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE FORMER GOVT OFFICIALS ARE DEAD.
THE REST ARE FARMERS NOW.

5. QTE HUMAN, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. THERE ARE NO
SUCH THINGS AS HUMAN, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS IN
DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. THERE ARE NO RIGHTS AT ALL EXCEPT FOR
THE PRIVILEGED KHMER ROUGHE CADRES. THERE IS NO LIBERTY AT ALL.
THE GOVT IS FASCIST, VER PORUD OF SUCH INNOVATIONS AS NO MARKET
AND O MONEY. THE FIRST HUMAN RIGHT NEEDED IN CAMBODIA IS TO
AVOID STARVATION. END QTE.
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